

RELIGIOUS BRIEFS.

The new bishop of Massachusetts is Right Rev. William Lawrence, S. T. D., of Cambridge. He is 49 years of age and comes of one of the best known families in the old Bay State. In 1889 Rev. Mr. Lawrence was made preacher at Harvard college and occupied that important post over forty years and until his recent election to the high office he now holds. Bishop Lawrence is handsome, elegant, learned and well equipped with brains. He succeeds the late Phillips Brooks as bishop.



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Thomas Spurgeon, a young man who would supply the late father's pupils for 12 months from July next, quoting 11 Cor. iii, 5.

An aged pastor may contrive to keep very young in heart and spirit. Such a one is the Rev. J. de Kever Williams of Hackney, London, now 76 years old, as fresh and vigorous a figure as any in any Congregationalist pulpit in England.

That very distinguished Greek scholar, Edmund Law Lambington, brother-in-law of Lord Tenison, professor in Glasgow university since 1808, and mentioned in "In Memoriam," is dying at 83 years old.

The Presbytery Journal speaks of the "admirable exposition of the Sabbath school lessons" by the Rev. Dr. Robert Court of Lowell—a graceful compliment gratefully received.

The Episcopal Hymnal gets an appreciative review from Professor R. E. Thompson in the Sunday School Times. He calls "hymnal" a word "both modern and popular." Of Bonar's productions seven are taken, and of Edward Caswall's, the Jesuit father, nine are selected.

The real estate owned by the churches in Boston amounts in value to nearly \$15,000,000.

From returns of last communion it seems as if the genteler churches had the fewer converts.

The archbishop of Canterbury did what was the only thing consistent with his place as a Christian man—refuse to put Christianity as represented by him or the church into competition with other forms of religion at Chicago. Christianity takes no second place and tolerates no rival while resting all on its spiritual claims.

It is queer to see Christian professors of Biblical theology quoting the antiscipularists Kuenen and Wellhausen as higher authorities on the Old Testament than Jesus or Paul. It is queer still to see men say in print that to depreciate the authority of Jesus and Paul increases their spiritual value!

The Marble Collegiate church on Fifth avenue, New York, was but thinly attended two years ago. It is now crowded. There are no evening classes, no religious entertainments to raise money. The associate pastor visits 90 hotels every Saturday and leaves 5,000 calendars for the guests. The preaching is orthodox, and personal invitation and a warm welcome do the rest. The church is richly endowed. It is catching the rich and well-to-do. The business method of soliciting customers succeeds.

St. Bartholomew's church (Episcopal), New York, has raised for expenses and charities in 4 1/2 years the sum of \$1,085,000.

Mrs. Satoifi has cast his shield over the married Greek priests in communion with Rome. When will Irish or American priests enjoy like privileges?

The Salvation Army has 1,436 officers at work in the United States.

An Italian R. C. church in New York has 25,000 communicants. Another has 15,000 and has every Sunday 7,800 worshippers at six services.

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Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, was born at Northfield, Mass., 56 years ago, and one of the greatest achievements of his career has been the establishing of the successful schools for the education of young Christians of both sexes at Northfield. These schools will soon open for the summer. When only 17, Mr. Moody entered a Boston shoe store as a clerk. Two years later he went to Chicago. In both cities he displayed unusual business ability, and success crowned his efforts. He became a clergyman, and his subsequent career as an evangelist is well known.

The Briggs trial has passed, and even the New York Evangelist, his standard bearer, calls a halt for the summer season. Dr. Parkhurst is away to cool off amid Alpine snows. Dr. Field has returned from Africa. Dr. Briggs will be calmer in the season of falling leaves. His friends will now have an opportunity of showing whether their cry for "peace and work" was sincere.

The Quakers are slowly dying out. The Rev. R. F. Horton denounces the immorality of the smoking room on the ocean steamer. Gambling runs riot without check or reproof.

Saloons and theaters enjoy the patronage of the Sunday frequenters of the World's fair.

The Reformed German synod refuses to modify the Apostles' Creed.

The Catholic summer school will meet at Plattsburg, N. Y., on the shores of Lake Champlain from July 17 to Aug. 4.

It is astonishing to find how many people who never paid a cent into the Presbyterian church are afraid that it will be hurt by the suspension of Dr. Briggs.

Instinct or Intelligence.

To find our way a second time over ground we have once trod is scarcely intelligence; we can only call it instinct, though the word does not in the least explain the process. Two years ago I first visited Douglas in the Isle of Man. I reached the station at 11 p. m. I was guided to a house a mile through the town. I scarcely paid any attention to the route; yet next morning I found my way by the same route to the station, walking with my head bent, deeply thinking all the time about other things than the way. I have the instinct of locality.—A. J. Mackintosh in London Spectator.

Fishes in Artesian Water.

It has been argued by some that fishes would not thrive and multiply in artesian water. That question seems to have been definitely settled by the Waco Fishing and Boating club of Waco, Tex., which has near that place a lake 15 acres in extent and of an average depth of 15 feet, which is well stocked with game fishes, such as bass and perch, that is fed with water from an artesian well.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Helping a Man Along.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Remorse is the tax that sin has to pay. The postmaster of New York city is paid \$8,000 per year. Jules Verne is about to publish his seventy-fourth novel. Mezzofanti, the prince of the church, was a carpenter's son. In one summer the descendants of a fly will number 2,080,820.

A fly is never so stupid but that he is able to get a head of the bald man. It is estimated that there are no fewer than 36,000 sightless beggars in France. "A creaking carriage and a crying woman make their way," says a Picardy wit.

The taxable property of Augusta, Ga., has increased over \$1,000,000 during the past year. The New York Sun estimates that there are 80 clubs in that city and 25,000 members. Muncie (Ind.) merchants have been arrested for showing their goods on the sidewalks.

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